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BARON TAKAHIRA SAYS WAR WITH JAPAN IMPOSSIBLE

NEW YORK, February 17.—Baron Kogoro Takahira, who comes to represent the Emperor of Japan as ambassador to America to succeed Viscount Aoki, recently recalled to Japan, arrived on the Cunard line steamer *Etruria* in New York yesterday direct from Rome, where he had been established as minister of Japan.

In an interview given to the newspaper a few hours after his landing the new ambassador said that he had come to finish what the former ambassador had left still incomplete in the relations between Japan and America, and that he was returning to Washington after two years' absence confident in the belief that both nations realized that war between them would be inhuman and is impossible.

"It is impossible in my opinion," said Baron Takahira, "for any man of ordinary sanity to think of war between the two powers, in spite of the sincere



Ambassador Takahira.

friendship actually existing between them. It is a crime against humanity, against civilization, against the well-being of mankind."

The baron and his wife left Rome three weeks ago and were en route to London, then took the *Etruria* to Liverpool. On the way over, Baron Takahira had the place of honor at the captain's table, sitting at his right hand, with Charles W. Morse, at the captain's left. As soon as the boat docked yesterday morning the baron with Secretary Hanabusa of the Japanese embassy at Washington, went to the Holland House. It was in his rooms there that the ambassador received the newspaper men.

Becalles Washington Career.

"I knew that I would have to submit to an interview," said the baron after he had shaken hands all around. "And having had experience in America before, I knew that if you asked me a lot of questions it would be greatly embarrassing and probably could not answer all of them. So I have written out what I wish to say and I will read it to you."

Baron Takahira then sat down at a table and read from a manuscript in English that he had in his pocket. This is what he dictated:

I am anxious to come back to this great country in my present capacity. I started my career as attaché of the Japanese legation in Washington some thirty years ago, and I have always regarded that city as my cradle, and now go back there as the personal representative of my emperor accredited to the President of the United States, and I think I can consider my coming as a triumphal entry into that city.

"I recall to mind at this moment the pleasant experience I had there throughout the time during which I last stayed there. Those were the most terrible two years in my diplomatic life, working as I was day and night. But the sympathy I received from your people diminished the anxiety, which would otherwise have been immense."

Appreciates Sympathy of America.

"No one knew better than I how sincere and true were the expressions of your sentiment then. What I said at that time expressed just what I thought of you, and it must be remembered by those who have an interest in me."

"I may say that I am the same man as I was and of the same mind as when I left Washington to return to Japan in December, 1905."

"During my absence from this country questions have arisen about the segregation of Japanese school children in the schools of the Pacific coast and about Japanese immigration. I cannot, of course, tell you at this moment how it will do with that continuing to receive my attention. Yet in spite of all the excitement and speculation repeated from time to time during the discussion of these questions, there never has been a change in the friendship of the two governments, which has been historically established between them. And there are both as sincere as ever in these cordial relations. This is at least; what I am given to understand, and I am going back to Washington with confident belief to find the same good friends there that I left him two years ago."

Voyage of the Fleet.

"As to the voyage of the American fleet to the Pacific, so much talked about recently, I consider it purely an American affair. I hear that there have been all sorts of speculation advanced in regard to the motive behind such a voyage, but I have always thought the most reasonable motive we could assign to it was that of a naval maneuver on a large scale."

"The United States is a country of the most peaceful intentions, as has been well proved in history. As we see in our news—Don't forget that—of the spirit of peace it must be necessary even for so great a country as this to ascertain now and then the working capacity of its ships and the good discipline of its sailors. You will certainly learn a great deal about such a long cruise and such a large force."

"The fleet is not only going to the Pacific coast, but at the same time it is passing through South American waters, and this is an opportunity to indicate that its voyage is a demonstration and not a demonstration to the world at large in order to show that the United States has such a great power to be sent out at any moment in support of any great cause, which is at the bottom of all American diplomacy."

No Suspicion in Japan.

"We in Japan, therefore, have no reason to be suspicious about the fleet's visit to the Pacific. You may have noticed that the Japanese papers have been publishing lately their desire and intention to welcome your fleet if the ships should come to Japan. This shows how our people regard this cruise."

"You know it has been well said by one of your famous American generals that 'war is hell.' Nowadays the concurrent opinion among the best military experts of the great powers is that war is more hellish than it used to be, owing to the great scientific improvements applied continually to war-making machines."

After saying that a man who could credit the belief in the imminence of war between Japan and America was committing a crime against civilization, Baron Takahira concluded his interview with the words:

"Such a war, if ever fought, would be the most inhuman, at least, in the world's history. Our human, at least, do not think of the possibility of such an unfortunate event."

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